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POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE
(PTFE) PRODUCTS AND
METHODS OF MANUFACTURE

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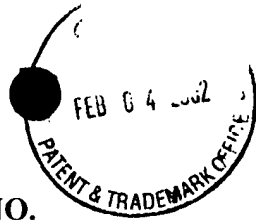
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Copies of each of these references are attached herewith. All of the references listed above are also listed on Applicant's Form PTO-1449 which is attached to this Information Disclosure Statement for the convenience of the Examiner.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the above, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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